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NATIONAL SCHOOL KEEPING—A DIRECT
TAX OF \$50,000 PROPOSED.—[From the
New York Journal of Commerce.] Persons
who cherish a ray of hope that the taxes are to be
reduced should ponder the propositions in
Representative Hoar's bill to "establish a system
of national education," which has been
favorably reported by the Committee on Education
and Labor. In his Fifteenth Amendment
message the other day President Grant
dropped a significant hint for Congress to
"take all the means within their constitutional
power to promote and encourage popular education
throughout the country." On the same day
that his message reached the Capitol the
extraordinary bill that we now proceed to
notice came back from the committee to the
House, a coincidence best explained on the
supposition that the President and committee
had conferred and that Congress had been
sounded on the subject and is expected to pass
the measure.

A more cleverly contrived scheme to make
thousands of new officeholders, maintain national
taxes, find work for revenue assessors and
collectors, and "strengthen" the Central Government,
has never come under our eyes. As a
prop for the radicals it is the best thing yet
thought of for radicals. It will plant their political
doctrines in the breasts of the rising generation
along with the first seeds of reading,
writing and arithmetic.

That shrewd gentleman, whose name is the
occasion of considerable profitless dispute
among antiquaries, who wanted to write the
laws of a nation in preference to making its
laws, did not originate this so smart an idea of
moulding national character as Mr. Hoar has
hit upon. A monopoly of ballad making and
mongering could do much to shape the prejudices
of a people, but nothing like what an
army of political teachers, with a switch in
one hand and Radical articles of faith in another,
and the whole power of a government at their
backs, could do in that line. The inventor
of this patent for confirming and extending
Radicalism indefinitely is the master craftsman
of his party.

After a long, high sounding preamble,
anopsis of the Fifteenth Amendment, Mr.
Hoar comes straight to business, and proposes
the appointment for each State in the Union of a
"superintendent of national schools," at a
yearly salary of \$3,000. Multiplying 3,000 by
37 (the number of States where they are all in),
we have \$111,000 of annual expenditure to be
begun with. These superintendents will "boss
the job," under the immediate direction of the
Commissioner of Education, who, in turn, reports
for general instructions to the Secretary of the
Interior, who finally takes his cue from the
President, making the whole affair a complete
administrative machine as much as the army or
the revenue crowd.

For each Congressional district the Secretary
of the Interior is to appoint a "division inspec-
tor of national schools," on a salary of \$2,000.
\$2,000 X 242=484,000. Each of the divi-
sions shall be divided by the State Superintend-
ent into school districts of convenient size, to be
managed by a "local superintendent of national
schools," at \$3 a day for the time that he
is actually employed. This means millions
upon millions of dollars in the aggregate, but
for want of more precise data than we have we
cannot estimate the sum even approximately.

What with the salaries of all these myrmidons
of the strong Government, the hiring of an in-
definite number of schoolmasters and mistresses,
the erecting and repairing of school houses, the
furnishing of school books for children unable
to buy them, and other incidental expenses,
Mr. Hoar is probably to be appointed among
the several States of fifty million dollars—just
to start the experiment, for that is all that even
so large an amount as that will really do.

The more we turn this scheme over the more
are we lost in enforced admiration of the audacious
genius that planned it! Besides the incalculable
political power that it confers on the
Administration—through its thousands of
well paid and willing stipendiaries, and the
indoection in the tender mind of childhood
of the straightest Radical principles—think of
the pickings and stealings!

The New York County Court House fades
into insignificance compared to the profits to be
made from supplying school books, putting up
school houses, &c. Patronage, power, money—
all things that political ambition prizes and
struggles for—will flow in boundless measure
from Hoar's bill.

This stupendous political and money spending
engine will go into effect in the Southern
States immediately after the passage of the
bill, for in those States there is no now system
of popular education such as the bill provides
for, and the States are, and will be for a long
time, too poor to pay for one of their own.
It rests with the option of the President
whether it will not be introduced into all the
other States of the Union.

The last section declares that each State may
make provision for the education of all the
children within its borders between the ages of
six and eighteen years; but the President is
clothed with absolute power to decide whether
any State system meets his views and wishes,
and, if not, the national scheme will be made
to supersede it. Democratic States will be
especially liable to have their own educational
laws nullified and schoolmasters turned out, to
make way for radical teachings and teachers.
Wherever it may be of political advantage to
rub out a State system, and impose the national
one, reasons plainer than blackberries can
be found for doing it.

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[Grad. of Balt. College of Dental Surgery, 1842]
No. 44, SOUTH WASHINGTON ST.,
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for twenty years he has given especial attention
to the preservation of the natural teeth, and
will continue so to do, and invites those who
wish to save them to call on him, knowing that
many are extracted and destroyed that by proper
treatment might be preserved and made
useful for life. Artificial teeth inserted only
as approved by professors and collectors.
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Importer and Dealer in CHINA, GLASS AND
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Having fitted up our factory with
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SAWING TURNING, MOULDING, PLAN-
ING and CARVING in our line.
Wanted, in exchange for Furniture, Walnut,
Poplar, Oak, Maple, Birch and Cedar Logs.
jan 8-1y

JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,
No. 120, King street,
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Manufacturer and Dealer in
FURNITURE,
Looking Glasses,
Hair, Cotton Top and Hush
Machines, &c.
Kept constantly on hand and made to order at
reasonable prices. sep 30-1y

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MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN
FURNITURE,
205 Corner King and Alfred streets,
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which he will sell cheap for cash. fe 26

J. CLINTON MILBURN,
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And Dealer in fine TEAS, WINES, LIQUORS
and CIGARS,
Cor. Cameron and Royal sts.,
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Particular attention paid to the selection of
choice Flour and Teas. my 28-1y

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MERCHANTS IN GENERAL.—Having
procured the agency for the sale of Thos. Hav-
ecker's celebrated PLAIN and FANCY
CRACKERS, fresh from the bakery every day
and put up in packages, to suit the trade, I
am enabled to sell at reduced prices. No charge
for packages. Merchants and others would do
well to give me a call and judge for themselves.
F. RECKER,
Corner King and St. Asaph sts.,
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Goods shipped to any part of the city free
of charge. mh 31

POTOMAC INSURANCE COMPANY.
A DIVIDEND OF ASSETS OF the Company
to the extent of SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CTS.
per share will be paid to the stockholders on
their legal representatives, on and after the 6th
day of April, 1870.
WM. H. LAMBERT,
THOMAS DAVY,
BENONI WHEAT,
Agents.
NOTICE.—All persons having claims against
the Company will present them at once for
payment. mh 31-10y

SPECIAL NOTICE.
TO DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.
All persons indebted to the city of Alexan-
dria for taxes, who wish to settle the same with-
out costs, can do so at my office, No. 12 Royal
street, between the hours of 4 and 8 o'clock p.
m., where I will attend to receive them.
Unless promptly settled, I am directed to in-
stitute proceedings for their immediate collec-
tion.
P. B. STILSON,
Feb 1-1y Corporation At orney.

SALT TO ARRIVE.
I offer for sale the cargo of the British Bark
Canada, to arrive from Liverpool.
500 sacks Worthington's Fine. }
500 sacks Evans. }
500 sacks Jeffery & Darcey's. }
400 sacks Grind and Alum, filled 10 to the ton.
ALSO,
6000 bushels Ground Alum Salt, in bulk.
B. H. LAMBERT,
No. 18 Union wharf.
feb 10-1y

FOR SALE.
The RESTAURANT and FIXTURES, with
a three years lease, on the corner of Market
and Third streets, will be sold on reasonable
terms. Inquire of Mr. J. H. B. for business, who
requires all my attention. I offer the
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accommodate from 12 to 15 lodgers, and has
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Just received, a fine assortment of Gold Brand
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All the latest styles of
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